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SUBJ: WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT NO. 5(DEC 19 THRU 25, 1975)

(OPERATION TRIZO)

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1. SUMMARY: LACK OF TROOP COMMITMENT AND LEAVE TAKEN BY MFJP PERSONNEL FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS HAS REDUCED THE ACTIVITY OF THE CAMPAIGN. THREE SIMPLEX II UNITS ARRIVED AND ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING INSTALLED ON BELL 206'S. THERE WAS NO HERBICIDE ERADICATION CONDUCTED THIS WEEK.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO, AND CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 41

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 401,200

PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,711,600

HECTARES - 40.12

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MARIHUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 60  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 106,625  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 2,379,005  
HECTARES - 10.66

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA,  
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN

NOTING TO REPORT

ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS AND OAXACA

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 183  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 675,175  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 13,503,500  
HECTARES - 67.51

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS (ALL 3 ZONES)

OPIUM

FIELDS DESTROYED - 388  
POPPY DESTRUCTION (HECTARES) - 157.4  
SQUARE METERS - 1,574,750  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 25,125,650  
OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES  
FIELDS DESTROYED - 28  
HECTARES - 7.0

MARIHUANA

FIELDS DESTROYED - 382  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,291,577  
PLANTS DESTROYED - 31,025,929  
HECTARES - 129.16

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 16  
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 25,000  
PLANS DESTROYED - 277,000  
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HECTARES - 2.5

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, MEXICAN MILITARY COMMIT-  
MENT TO THE CAMPAIGN IS LESS THAN SATISFACTORY. HOWEVER,  
THERE HAS BEEN SOME ACTIVITY BY THE 35TH MILITJRY ZONE  
AT CHILPANCINGO WHICH REPORTED A TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF  
183 FIELDS OF OPIUM. ROADBLOCK ACTIVITY HAS DIMINISHED

CONSIDERABLY. THOSE THAT ARE ACTIVE NOW ARE STATIONARY ROADBLOCKS BUT FOR THE MOST PART ARE ALL-YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE MILITARY.

(D) ARRESTS OF OPIUM AND MARIHUANA CULTIVATORS  
NONE

(E) AVIATION OPERATIONS

(1) NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN: WEEKLY BASIS

(DCE. 19-25)

A. MODE 212: 54:30 HRS; AVAILABILITY 70 PERCENT

B. MODEL 206B: 31:58 HRS; AVAILABILITY 63.6 PERCENT

C. CESSNA 185: 29:43 HRS; AVAILABILITY 83.3 PERCENT

D. AERO COMMANDER: ZERO HRS; AVAILABILITY 75 PERCENT

2. BASED ON THIS EXPERIENCE AND APPLYING THE MATHEMATICAL LOGIC STATE IN A RECENT CABLE "UNDER IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES ESTIMATES OF TOTAL FIELDS AND 10-14 206S WILL NOT ACHIEVE TOTAL ERADICATION IN TIMELY FASHION ASSUMING 65 PER CENT (NINE 206'S OPERATIONAL-225 FIELDS PER 206 - DESTROYED PER DAY 110 PLUS DAYS NEEDED TO DESTROY 25,000 FIELDS)." MORE REALISTIC APPROACH MIGHT BE (10 DAYS IN THE FIELD RESULTS IN 2 DAYS OF ACTUAL SPRAYING. NINE 206'S OPERATIONAL - 225 FIELDS PER 206 DESTROYED PER DAY-552 DAYS NEEDED TO DESTROY 25,000 FIELDS). OR IN ORDER TO ERADICATE 25,000 FIELDS IN 110 DAYS, A FLEET OF 70 BELL 206'S (60 PER CENT AVAILABILITY BEING 42 FLYABLE) AND 87 BELL 212'S ARE REQUIRED. PILOT MANNING WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 98 FOR THE 206'S AND 121 FOR THE 212'S.

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THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO BELL 206-B BEING FITTED WITH SIMPLEX SPRAY SYSTEMS AND TWO BELL 206-B WITH OPERATIONALLY SPRAY SYSTEMS (ONE UNDERSLUNG BUCKET IN CULIACAN AND ONE SIMPLEX IN ALTAMIRANO).

CAPT. SOUTO HAS COMPLETED PILOT AERIAL APPLICATION TRAINING BRINGING THE TOTAL TO THREE PILOTS FOR TWO OPERATIONAL SPRAY HELICOPTERS. ADDITIONAL PILOTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR TRAINING.

(F) MOPS AND OTHER POPPY DETECTION INTELLIGENCE

1. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.  
THE AERO COMMANDER CONTINUES TO BE GROUNDED DUE TO SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE. THE SECOND MOPS SYSTEM IS UNDER-

GOING INSTALLATION AT THE NEW HANGAR AND IS NOT IN OPERATION.

2. NO RECON FLIGHTS WERE CONDUCTED OR PHOTO-GRAPH MISSIONS RELATIVE TO THE MOPS PROGRAM.

(G) COMMUNICATIONS

1. INSTALLATION OF THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM REMAINS AT A STANDSTILL. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THIS EQUIPMENT WILL BE READY FOR OPERATION UNTIL MID JANUARY 1976.

(H) HERBICIDES

1. DURING THE SPORADIC SPRAYING CONDUCTED IN THE GUERRERO AREA IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE CHEMICAL CURRENTLY IN USE BY THE ATTY GEN'S OFFICE IS NOT OF SUFFICIENT POTENCY TO DESTROY THE PODS ON THE PLANTS; HOWEVER, IT DOES SCORCH THE LEAVES. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THEY USE THE CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE 2-4-D WHICH IS STRONGER BUT LESS TOXIC TO HUMANS.

2. THE ADDITIONAL SIMPLEX II SYSTEMS CURRENTLY BEING INSTALLED IN BEL 206'S WILL BE SENT TO THE AREA OF SINALOA TO COMMENCE HERBICIDE SPRAYING BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY 1976.

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3. INTERDICTION

ZONE 1 - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO  
AND CHIHUANA.

7 TONS, 14 KILOS OF MARIHUANA  
750 GRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEEDS  
2 KILOS, 885 GRAMS OF HEROIN  
830 GRAMS OF COCAINE  
6 KILOS OF OPIUM GUM  
9 AUTOMOBILES  
9 HANDGUNS  
17 RIFLES  
3 TRUCKS  
2,050 ROUNDS OF AMMO  
20 STICKS OF DYNAMITE  
36 DEFENDANTS

ZONE 2 - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLPMA,  
ZACATECAS AND MICHOACAN.

20 KILOS OF MARIHUANA  
2 DEFENDANTS

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ZONE 3 - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS, OAXACA

6 KILOS, 200 GRAMS OF OPIUM GUM  
220 GRAMS OF MORPHINE BASE  
6 KILOS OF MARIHUANA  
10 HANDGUNS  
1. AUTOMOBILE  
8 DEFENDANTS

CUMULATIVE INERDICATION FIGURES FOR ALL 3 ZONES  
67 TONS, 201 KILOS OF MARIHUANA  
120 KILOS, 750 GRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEEDS  
31 KILOS, 542 GRAMS OF HEROIN  
3 KILOS, 813 GRAMS OF COCAINE  
220 GRAMS OF MORPHINE BASE

5. HEROIN CONVERSION LABS  
4,050,000 MIMI-BENNIES (AMPHETAMINES)  
74.7 KILOS OF OPIUM GUM  
3 PILL PRESSES  
23 GRAMS OF BENZEDRINE  
5 GRAMS OF HASHISH  
4 GRAMS OF AMPHETAMINE POWDER  
55 MANDRAS IPLLS  
16 TRUCKS  
2 TRAILER TRUCKS  
52 AUTOMOBILES  
98 HANDGUNS  
40 RIFLES  
1 SHRIMP BOAT  
3 AIRCRAFT  
3,050 ROUNDS OF AMMO  
20 STICKS OF DYNAMITE  
232 DEFENDANTS

B. USE OF INTERDICTION UNITS

WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE TO MOBILE VANS BY NO LATER  
THAN JANUARY 12 IN NOGALES, ARIZONA. DR. GERTZ HAS BEEN  
ADVISED AND WILL HAVE PERSONNEL AVAILABLE TO DRIVE THESE  
VANS INTO MEXICO.

C. N/A

D. N/A

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E. N/A

F. N/A

G. MISSION ANALAYSIS OF TRENDS  
SAME AS LAST REPORT.

4. COMMENTS

THE STEERING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY  
CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF COMMITMENT OF THE MEXICAN MILI-  
TARY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO THIS CAMPAIGN.  
AS WE ANTICIPATED LAST OCTOBER, GOM WOULD NOT BE READY  
TO COMMIT MANPOWER AND RESOURCES TO THE INTENSIFIED  
OPIUM ERADICATION CAMPAIGN UNTIL MID-JANUARY 1976. OUR  
PREDICTION SEEMS TO BE CORRECT. BASED ON THIS CONCERN,  
AMBASSADOR JOVA REQUESTED A MEETING WITH THE MEXICAN  
ATTORNEY OJEDA PAULLADA ON DECEMBER 23.  
UNFORTUNATELY, AT THE LAST MINUTE, THE ATTY GEN WAS  
CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO FOR A CONFERENCE.  
HOWEVER, THE MEETING WAS STILL HELD, AND IN THE ABSENCE  
OF ATTY GEN, THE DEPUTY ATTN GEN ROSALES-MIRANDA  
AND DR. GERTZ MANERO MET WITH AMBASSADOR JOVA,  
ALBERTI AND HEATH. WE DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS OF THE

CAMPAIGN POINTING OUT THE CONCERN OF WHAT SEEMED A LACK OF FULL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. DEPUTY ATTY GEN STATED THAT THEY WERE ALSO CONCERNED, BUT IT SHOULD NOT BE AN ALARMING SITUATION. THIS MEETING SERVED TO ACCELERATE THE PRESSURE ON THE ATTY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HAD BETWEEN DR. GERTZ, AND DRD HEATH, CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF HIS CAMPAIGN. MUCH OF THE DIALOGUE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WE ARE SURE HAVE REACHED THE ATTY GEN. WHICH EMPHASISES USG'S CONCERN OF THE PROBLEM.

IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT AT THIS POINT THE MEXICAN POSITION IS THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING SUPPLIED WITH THE MATERIAL NEEDED, I.E., SPRAYING EQUIPMENT, FAST ENOUGH TO PUT IT IN OPERATION. THEY CONTINUE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE NEED OF SPARE EQUIPMENT, MAPS, AIRCRAFT FOR THE AIR INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, AND THE POOR MARKET FOR AVAILABILITY OF HELICOPTER PILOTS. ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.  
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